



2020-2021 Reopening Plan

Journey Education will reopen for on-campus learning on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and follow its normal schedule, Monday through Friday, beginning at 8:30 am and ending at 3:00 pm (Kinder-3rd) and 3:10 pm (4th-8th). An optional distance learning option is available to families not comfortable to return on this date.

Please note we are an independent private school and our reopening plan differs from CCSD.

As we face the reality of COVID-19, we are committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. We understand that parents/guardians are concerned about the health and safety of their students and that we will be following strict guidelines for social distancing, disinfecting, sanitation, and hygiene. Some of you may still be uncomfortable sending your child to school for on-campus learning, for this reason we are also offering a distance learning option. If you are interested in having your child stay home for distance learning, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

The Journey Education administration and staff will take all possible precautions to ensure the health and safety of its employees, students, families, and visitors against contracting COVID-19. However, the complexity surrounding the sanitation and health procedures of this situation are extraordinary and despite all precautions there is still a risk. Every family is required to sign a liability waiver acknowledging and accepting this risk.

Operational Logistics

Sanitization and Cleaning Measures

Routines and protocols that will maintain sanitation and cleanliness include:

- A professional disinfecting of the school before the first day and throughout the year.
- Training for aides and cleaning staff on safe and proper use of disinfectant.
- Ensure that each classroom, office, etc. has the supplies to disinfect spaces as they are used.
- Disinfect equipment used by multiple students in between each use such as microscopes, calculators, etc.
- Disinfect the playground equipment and area after each use.
- Scheduled time during the day for light switches, door handles, etc. to be disinfecting.
- Assign students the responsibility for disinfecting their work areas at the end of each class.
- Ensure all air filters are changed periodically.

Healthy Protocols

Ensure all students, staff, and visitors are aware of Journey protocols about how to keep themselves and others healthy at school including the following procedures:

- Post "Do Not Enter if you have Symptoms of COVID-19" posters on entry doors and at sign-in stations.
- Ensure the health station is well stocked with at least two digital thermometers, masks, and gloves.
- Train school staff on how to monitor their own health for sign-in verification purposes and how to monitor students for referral to the office for further screening.
- Train appropriate staff how to provide care to students or staff exhibiting symptoms: isolation area, masks for students and staff involved, gloves for staff providing care. Notify the parent/guardian of the student as soon as possible. Close off areas and thoroughly disinfect. Wait 24 hours to clean the area if possible.
- Staff and students should stay home and notify Journey if they are presented with symptoms of COVID-19 which include: new onset cough or shortness of breath by themselves OR at least 2 of the following: fever (100.4 F or higher), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of sense of smell or taste, and gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea.

- According to the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html> it is recommended to quarantine for 14 days if exposed to anyone who tested positive for COVID-19. If a student or staff has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, then he/she is to stay home for 14 days and attend distance learning. Before returning to school, the student or staff must have a doctor's note with a clean bill of health and a negative COVID-19 test result.
- If a student or staff is found to have COVID-19, the school will move to distance learning for 14 days.
- If a student or staff is sent home with suspected symptoms, the school will be disinfected immediately. Families will be notified. Confidentiality in accordance with FERPA and all other state and federal laws will be maintained.
- If parents or visitors need to go beyond the entryway of the building, they must sign in to verify that they have no symptoms of COVID-19, wash/disinfect their hands, mask up, and have their temperature taken.
- All staff will be required to enter daily through the front entrance, sign in to verify they have no symptoms of COVID-19 and have a temperature check.
- All staff, parents, visitors, and students grades Kindergarten through 8th grade are expected to wear a mask when in the school.
- Teach students to cover coughs and sneezes and the use of a tissue when needed, then immediately dispose of in no touch trash can and wash or sanitize hands.
- Establish a system for students to wash and/or sanitize their hands immediately upon entering the school and throughout the day.

Social Distancing

Students and staff will be encouraged to social distance as much as possible.

- No assemblies or large gatherings will take place. Back to School Open house will be done virtually.
- The sharing of items will be limited.
- As much space as possible will be maintained between students and teachers.
- Student's workspaces will be separated by distance and they will use the same workspace as much as possible throughout the day.
- Separate entries will be used for each class during the school day.
- Include a specific number of students at a time on the playground or in the lunch areas with a limited number of students per table. Be ready to move to lunch in the classroom if need be.
- Establish clear procedures for passing in hallways, i.e. which side of the hall to walk on, single file or only two abreast, etc.
- P.E. classes held outdoors if possible. Engage in activities that reduce contact.
- Visitors/parents are only allowed in the lobby, one at a time.

Converting to Distance Learning

Scenarios for distance learning

1. Distance learning will be available at the start of the school year to families who are not comfortable with their student returning to on-campus learning.
2. Students or students with family members who become ill with COVID-19 and need to quarantine will need a distance learning option.
3. If Journey Education needs to close due to a COVID-19, the entire school will need to quickly move to a distance learning schedule that will mirror their on-campus schedule.

In the Event of School Closure

When COVID-19 or other conditions require school closure for a period, Journey will announce the closure to parents via email and text. At that time information for picking up Chromebooks or laptops, if needed, and books and other supplies will be given.

Parents or guardians should note that tuition is due whether school is taught in person or virtually.

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***PLEASE NOTE:** These plans are subject to change as additional guidance becomes available from the CDC, the Nevada Department of Health and Welfare, the Nevada Department of Education, the Governor's office, and as the presence of COVID-19 in Clark County fluctuates.